GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:345
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2008
INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand/revamp the Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) Scheme.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government to the States under IEDC during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise;

(d) the details of funds utilized by each State during the said period,State-wise;

(e) the reasons for non-utilization/under utilization of funds by the various States;

(f) whether the Government has received requests/proposals from different States/NGOs for the welfare of physically challenged children during the said period;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the further action contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.345 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN,M.P. REGARDING INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN FOR ANSWER ON 23.12.2008.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme called 'Inclusive Education for the Disabled at the Secondary Stage (IEDSS)' has been approved in September,2008 to replace the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Education for Disabled Children" (IEDC).The new scheme aims to cover the disabled children pursuing studies at the secondary stage(classes IX-XII) in government,local body and government-aided schools with one or more disabilities as defined under the Persons with Disabilities(Equal Opportunities,Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and National Trust Act,1999.Under the Scheme,financial assistance is available to the State Governments/Union Territories on 100 percent basis for the following two components:

i. Student oriented components,including activities such as identification and assessment, provision for aids and appliances,teaching learning materials, stipend for girls,provision of facilities towards transport,hostel,support staff etc. for which financial assistance can be provided upto Rs. 3000/- per child per annum.In addition,State Governments are expected provide Rs. 600/- per child per annum as scholarship.

ii. Other components such as creation of barrier free environment,engagement of special teachers, teacher training, awareness generation etc.

(c) & (d): Fund is not allocated State-wise under the IEDC Scheme,as the scheme is demand driven. Details of the amount released during last three years and the current year(as on 18.12.2008) to various States and the position of utilisation are given at the Annexure.

(e): It is for the States to utilise funds for the purpose for which these are sanctioned.All States except 10 have furnished full utilisation certificates for funds released upto the end of the year 2007-08.

(f) to (g): Central assistance was released to States during this period on the basis of the proposals received from them.For the year 2008-09,proposals for financial assistance have been received from 20 States/UTs and releases have been made to 13 States/UTs.It has not been possible to release funds to 7 States so far as certain clarifications have been sought from them.

Since 2006-07, proposals of NGOs are required to be included in the composite proposals of the State Governments and funds are

released by the Central Government to State Governments which in turn release the same to the NGOs.

(i) This Ministry has issued detailed guidelines to State Governments seeking proposals from them.State Governments have also been reminded.Whenever the proposals are not found complete, clarifications are also called for.